I. AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph at page 4, line 6.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 27 and ending at page 17, line 4 with the following paragraph.

--The eno fragment obtained as described in example 3.1 was mixed with the prepared vector pEC-XT99A and the batch treated with T4-DNA ligase (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech, Freiburg, Germany, product description T4-DNA ligase, Code No. 27-0870-04). The ligation batch was transformed into the E. coli strain DH5αmcr (Grant, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 87*:4645-4649 (1990)). The selection of plasmid-carrying cells took place by plating the transformation batch out onto LB agar with 5 mg/l tetracycline. After incubation overnight at 37°C, recombinant individual clones were selected. Plasmid DNA was isolated from a transformant with the Qiaprep Spin Miniprep Kit (Product No. 27106, Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) according to the instructions of the manufacturer and cleaved with the restriction enzymes EcoRI and XbaI in order to check the plasmid by subsequent agarose gel electrophoresis. The plasmid obtained was named pXT-enoex ~~and is shown in figure 2~~.